



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6812***

LCO No. 4508



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF OTTER TRAWL FISHING PERMITS AND CERTAIN GILL NET AND LONG LINE LICENSES IN THE MARINE WATERS OF THE STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of chapter 490 of the general statutes, the Department of  
3 Energy and Environmental Protection shall not issue any permit or  
4 license for otter trawl fishing, as defined in section 26-142a of the general  
5 statutes, for the marine waters of the state.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 490 of the general  
7 statutes, any resident of a state that issues commercial licenses or  
8 permits for otter trawl fishing, as defined in section 26-142a of the  
9 general statutes, shall not be eligible for the issuance of a commercial  
10 license or permit from the Department of Energy and Environmental  
11 Protection for otter trawl fishing in the marine waters of the state.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
13 provision of chapter 490 of the general statutes, the Department of  
14 Energy and Environmental Protection shall not issue any commercial

15 license or permit for the use of the following commercial fishing gear:  
16 (1) Gill nets, and (2) long lines. The provisions of this subsection shall  
17 not be construed to apply to any long line used for aquaculture.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 490 of the general  
19 statutes, any resident of a state that issues commercial licenses or  
20 permits for the use of gill nets and long lines, as described in subsection  
21 (a) of this section, shall not be eligible for the issuance of a commercial  
22 license or permit from the Department of Energy and Environmental  
23 Protection to use a gill net or long line in the marine waters of the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit the issuance of permits and licenses for otter trawl fishing and the use of gill nets and long lines, other than for aquaculture, in the marine waters of the state.

***[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]***